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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RELEASES OF WATER FROM B.C. TO NORTHWEST U.S.

1. B.C. HYDRO ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 18 THAT IT HAS AGREED TO EMERGENCY RELEASES OF WATER FROM COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY RESERVOIRS IN B.C. TO U.S. NORTHWESTERN STATES.

2. MAXIMUM OF 1.7 MILLION ACRE-FEET OF WATER FROM CANADIAN STORAGE IN ARROW AND DUNCAN RESERVOIRS CAN BE RELEASED BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL 30. FOLLOWING THE EMERGENCY RELEASES, B.C. HYDRO WILL RESTORE THOSE RESERVOIR LEVELS WITH WATER FROM THE MICA RESERVOIR BETWEEN MAY 1 AND JULY 31. THE U.S. THEN WILL MAKE UP THE REDUCTION IN MICA STORAGE BY RETURNING ENERGY OR ITS EQUIVALENT BY JULY 31, 1979 AT THE LATEST. IN ADDITION, B.C. HYDRO WILL BE PAID APPROXIMATELY DOLS 500,000 FOR ENERGY PRODUCED AT DOWNSTREAM U.S. GENERATING PLANTS AS A RESULT OF THE EMERGENCY RELEASES.

3. B.C. HYDRO NOTES THAT THE WATER RELEASE ARRANGEMENT CONTINUES A PATTERN OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN WESTERN CANADA AND THE U.S. NORTHWEST OVER THE PAST YEARS.

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